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SUBJECT: COFFEE CONFERENCE

REF: LONDON 16829

1. ON SEEING LONDON 16829, I REQUESTED BRIEFING BY THE US DELEGATION TO THE MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL NOW IN PROGRESS IN LONDON. I AM DISTRESSED BY THE IMPLICATION OF A HEADLESS DELEGATION TO THIS MEETING AND, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WORSE, A DELEGATION WITHOUT A POSITION. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT NOTHING LESS THAN OUR CREDITABILITY WITH THE THIRD WORLD WHICH WAS SO CAREFULLY CONSTRUCTED DURING THE RECENT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION IS AT RISK.

2. A COFFEE AGREEMENT, WHILE IMPORTANT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA, CERTAINLY IS NOT IN ITSELF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE AT STAKE. THE CONFERENCE, OF COURSE, MAY NOT RESULT IN AGREEMENT ANYWAY. BUT THE IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT IF WE TAKE A COMPLETELY PASSIVE POSITION, THE CONFERENCE IS SURE TO FAIL, THE UNITED STATES WILL BE STUCK WITH MAKING IT FAIL, AND OUR ACTION WILL BE CONSTRUED AS A MESSAGE TO THE THIRD WORLD THAT WE REALLY DID NOT MEAN WHAT WE WERE SAYING IN NEW YORK LAST SEPTEMBER. I NEED NOT EXPAND ON THE FACT THAT WE WILL ALSO COME IN FOR MUCH CRITICISM, A LOT OF IT QUITE CYNICAL, FROM INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AS WELL.

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